

GREATER INWOOD SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD BY-LAWS

Article I-Name

The name of the Council shall be Greater Inwood Super Neighborhood.

Article II-Boundaries

The Greater Inwood Super Neighborhood is bounded as set out on the attached map.

Article III-Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to create a broad-based neighborhood forum where residents and stakeholders come together to discuss issues affecting their community and to develop a Super Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP) to address them.

The organization shall also seek consensus and provide citizens with opportunities to advise the City Council on issues important to each neighborhood; undertake a wide range of neighborhood improvement projects determined by the members; and with the cooperation from the City of Houston, identify and develop solutions to mutual problems.

Article IV- Membership

The Greater Inwood Super Neighborhood membership shall be open to any organization (i.e. civic association, merchant association, religious association, etc) who are stakeholders in the Greater Inwood Super Neighborhood boundary as identified on the attached map.

Participation in the Greater Inwood Super Neighborhood shall not be limited by the imposition of membership requirements or fees by the council.

The Greater Inwood Super Neighborhood prohibits the exclusion of any individual or organization based on race, creed, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation or national origin from participating in Super Neighborhood Council activities on serving as a council member.

Article V- Council Seats and Voting Authority

The Greater Inwood Super Neighborhood Council consists of 4 residential districts numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4, each having one voting seat. The Greater Inwood Partnership has 1 Council seat as does the area churches as a group. The apartment community located within the boundaries of the Super Neighborhood has 2 seats, East and West divided by Antoine, as shown on the attached map. The business community is divided North (above Little York) and South (below Little York), each having 1 voting seat, as does the educational community and the Inwood Golf and Country Club. The Greater Inwood Super Neighborhood Council consists of a total of 12 members.



Article VI – Greater Inwood Super Neighborhood Council

General Powers

The affairs of the organization shall be managed by its Greater Inwood Super Neighborhood Council. Members of the Council must be residents of Texas and live, work, or own property within the Super Neighborhood boundaries designated by the City of Houston.

Number, Tenure and Qualifications

The number of Council members shall be 12. Each Council Member shall hold office until the next annual meeting of members and until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified.

Regular Meetings

A regular annual meeting of the Council shall be held, immediately after and at the same place as, the annual meeting of Greater Inwood Partnership (GIP) members. The Council may provide by resolution the time and place, for the holding of additional regular meetings of the Council without other notice than such resolutions. Written notice of the GIP and the SN Council annual meeting will be posted at least 7 days prior to event and will be publicly posted at Pack Fax and Tax.

Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Council may be called by or at the request of the President or any two Trustees. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Council may fix any place, within Greater Inwood Super Neighborhood boundaries, as the place for holding any special meetings.

Notices

Notice of any special meeting of the Council shall be given at least two (2) days previously by written notice delivered personally or sent by mail or electronically to each Council Member at his address as shown on the records of the organization.

Quorum

Any number of the Council members shall constitute a quorum as long as the agenda is submitted/posted at Pack Fax and Tax 5 days prior to the meeting for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Council.

Manner of Voting

The act of the majority of the Council present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Council. In case of a tie, the president calls for further discussion and mediation and calls subsequent votes until a majority is reached.

Vacancies

Any vacancy occurring on the Council and any Council Member seat to be filled for any reason of any increase in the number of members, nominated by Council Member and majority vote. A Council Member elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

Article VII – Officers of the Council

The elected officers of the Greater Inwood Super Neighborhood Council shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.

The President shall preside over all general meetings and any executive committee meetings. The President shall have the authority to conduct meetings and to maintain order. The president shall appoint all committee chairs with the approval of the Council.

The Vice-President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President. This office shall assist the President and shall perform various duties and serve on committees as assigned by the President.

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of proceedings of all officially called meetings, attend to correspondence, act as custodian of current records and file and maintain up-to-date membership lists and attendance records.

The Assistant Secretary shall review and attend to all in-coming and out-going correspondence of the Council. The Assistant Secretary assumes the duties of the Secretary in his or her absence.

The Treasurer shall keep an up-to-date record of all financial transactions, receive all money, and deposit funds in the bank. This officer shall disburse money as authorized by the Council. The Treasurer shall present a report of finances at the annual meeting of the Council.

Greater Inwood Super Neighborhood Council members shall be elected to two year terms with ½ the Council being rotated every year. The formula is as follows:

Year 1 to start Residential District 1 & 3, 1 Business, 1 GIP, 1 Education, 1 Apartment representative. Year 2 to start, 1 Business, Residential 2 & 4, 1 Apartment, 1 Religious, 1 Inwood Golf and Country Club.

All officers of the Council shall be elected every year at the Annual meeting by a simple majority of the members of the Council. Officers shall be installed at the first meeting in February 2000.

Officers shall be limited to serve two (2) successive terms, beginning in February each year.

All officers shall be elected by a quorum of the Council.

A vacancy in an office shall be appointed by Council. Officers elected to fill vacancies shall assume office at the first meeting following the appointment, and shall hold office until the term expires for the seat being filled.

Any officer, who fails to meet the obligations and responsibilities of his office, may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Council.

Article VIII – Meetings

The general meeting of the council shall be held on the () of each month, 6:30 p.m., in a place to be designated by the Council. All Council activities will be conducted in open meetings where all residents may observe discussions and participate under defined circumstances.

In the event that the general meeting falls on a legal holiday, the time and date of the general meeting shall be set by the president at the preceding general meeting with the consent of the Council.

The Greater Inwood Super Neighborhood Council activity shall be conducted in open meetings where all residents and other stakeholders may observe discussions and participate. An individual wishing to speak to the Super Neighborhood Council shall sign a "Speakers List" at the beginning of the meeting and shall be allowed three (3) minutes to speak, unless Council desires more information from said speaker.

Greater Inwood Super Neighborhood residents and other stakeholders may participate via meetings open to the public and will be notified of decisions through their participating organizations, respective monthly civic association meetings/newsletters and may be published in (i.e. the Northwest Leader) available to the community.

Article IX – Amendment of By – Laws

These by-laws may be amended by resolution from time to time on an as-needed basis. The amendment(s) must be read and approved by a two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of Council at two (2) consecutive Council meetings in which a quorum is present.

Attached is a list of the initial membership of the Greater Inwood Super Neighborhood Council.

**Greater Inwood Super Neighborhood
Council Members**

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District 10	Dorothy Miller 281-447-6584	Inwood Forest dor1249@aol.com
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